

CHAPTER 10 ELECTING LEADERS

TEST, FORM A

REVIEWING FACTS (1 point each)

In the space provided, write the term from the list below that matches each description. There are two extra terms in the list.

favorite son or daughter
candidate
multiparty system
open primary

two-party system
independent
polling place
straight ticket

runoff primary
closed primary
keynote speaker
split ticket

- _____ 1. Person who runs for election to political office
- _____ 2. Primary election in which voters may vote for the candidates of any party
- _____ 3. Place where citizens go to vote
- _____ 4. Ballot on which a person votes for all the candidates of one political party
- _____ 5. Party leader who is popular in his or her home state
- _____ 6. Primary election in which voters choose between the two leading candidates to determine the party's candidate in the general election
- _____ 7. Voter who is not a member of a political party
- _____ 8. Primary election in which only voters who are party members can vote for that party's candidates
- _____ 9. Political party system in the United States
- _____ 10. Person who delivers the opening address at a national nominating convention

IDENTIFYING IDEAS (1 point each)

In the space provided, write the term that is identified by each statement.

- _____ 1. Organization of citizens who have similar views on public issues and who work to put their ideas into effect through government action
- _____ 2. To select a candidate to run for public office
- _____ 3. Major political party that traces its roots to the Democratic-Republican party
- _____ 4. Minor political party in a two-party system
- _____ 5. Local voting district in a county, city, or ward
- _____ 6. Reading tests that were used as a voting requirement
- _____ 7. Inspectors who ensure that elections are conducted fairly
- _____ 8. Method of voting that ensures voting privacy

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TEST, FORM A *continued*

- _____ 9. Each part of a party platform
- _____ 10. Official meeting at which a party's presidential candidate is chosen

UNDERSTANDING IDEAS (1 point each)

For each of the following, write the letter of the *best* choice in the space provided.

- _____ 1. People in the United States
- are required to join one of the two major political parties.
 - must be a member of a political party in order to vote.
 - may choose whether to join any political party, or none.
 - cannot join political parties until they are 21.
- _____ 2. Political parties
- began during the 20th century.
 - began during Abraham Lincoln's time.
 - began during George Washington's time.
 - are required by the Constitution.
- _____ 3. Advantages of the two-party system include
- that there is a second strong party to take over government if the voters so desire.
 - that one party is able to win a majority of the votes.
 - that voters have a choice.
 - all of the above.
- _____ 4. Political parties are organized at the
- national and state levels.
 - national level.
 - local and state levels.
 - local, state, and national levels.
- _____ 5. Political campaigns are paid for by
- the candidates.
 - private contributions and government funds.
 - a few wealthy contributors.
 - the Electoral College.
- _____ 6. To vote, an individual must
- have access to a voting machine.
 - pass a literacy test.
 - be a member of a political party.
 - be at least 18 years old.
- _____ 7. The winners in general elections
- take political office.
 - become their parties' candidates in another general election.
 - must then enter runoff elections.
 - must then compete in primary elections.
- _____ 8. All of the following take place at national nominating conventions EXCEPT
- the keynote address.
 - balloting.
 - nominating.
 - poll watching.
- _____ 9. If you wished to become active in a political party, it would probably be easiest to work for the party
- at the local level.
 - at the state level.
 - at the national level.
 - through the Electoral College.
- _____ 10. A third-party candidate in the 1992 presidential election was
- Ross Perot.
 - George Wallace.
 - George Bush.
 - Bill Clinton.

COMPOSING AN ESSAY (10 points)

On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief essay in response to *one* of the following.

- Describe the overall organization of political parties in the United States.
- Explain the role third parties have played in U.S. history.